

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

One Touch of Nature.
For time is like a fashionable host
That slightly shakes his parting guest by
the hand,
And with his arms outstretched, as he
would fly,
Grasps in the corner; we come ever smiling,
And farewell goes out sighing. O, let not
virtue seek
Remuneration for the thing it was;
For beauty, wit,
High birth, vigor of bone, desert in service,
Love, friendship, charity, are subjects all
To envious and calumniating time.
One touch of nature makes the whole
World kin,
That all with one consent, praise new-born
gauds,
Though they are made and molded of
things past,
And give to dust that is a little gilt
More than than gilt ore-dusted.
—Shakespeare.

D. A. R. Sensation.

In a speech made in New York last Wednesday, says the Baltimore Sun, Mrs. Charles Fairbanks, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was understood as making an attack on Mrs. Donald McLean, a former Marylander, and an active candidate to succeed Mrs. Fairbanks at the annual D. A. R. Congress to be held during April, in Continental Hall, Washington, D. C. Because of the high standing socially of both women, Mrs. Fairbanks being the wife of the Vice President-elect, and Mrs. McLean being a leader in New York, Mrs. Fairbanks' utterances caused amazement among the assembled "Daughters."

Miss Mitchell Entertains.

Miss Maggie Mitchell entertained a few friends very informally but very pleasantly at her home Thursday evening. Among those present were Misses Irene Davenport, Cora Cooke, Mammie, Ora and Ruth Mitchell, Mrs. F. Mitchell, Misses Fannie Adams, Lella Putze and Laura Martin; Messrs. Perrin, Sharp, Adams, McAllister, Garnett and Mitchell.

Hearts and Valentines.

Miss Lettie Clayton celebrated her birthday Thursday evening with a number of her friends in a game of "Hearts and Valentines." After the game supper was served. Those present were Misses Gwynn, Whitmore, Glenn, Klein, Lamont, Clayton, and the Messrs. Dey, Davis, Rowland, Glenn, Thomas, Rainey, Smith, Gauley, Clayton, Bernick and Clark. Mrs. Rainey and Mrs. Smith assisted Mrs. Clayton in the dining room.

Taylor-Williams.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Wednesday last, when Miss Bessie Coleman Williams, the daughter of Mrs. William G. Williams, of Orange county, was married to Mr. George Willis Taylor, the Rev. John S. Henshaw officiating. The ceremony was performed at "Berry Hill," in Orange, the home of Mr. William C. Williams, the bride's brother.

Personal Mention.

Miss Fredley will leave soon to go with a party of friends by way of Mobile, Alabama, to Havana, Cuba. The party have the prospect of a charming tour.

Miss Leah Tallaferr, the daughter of General William Tallaferr, of Gloucester county, is the guest of Misses Munford at No. 30 West Franklin Street.

The Pechontas Club, of Newport News, gave a delightful party Monday evening in honor of Miss Evelyn Croxton Gordon, of this city. Other guests included Dr. and Mrs. William Roane Aylett, Mrs. W. H. Aylett, Richmond; Miss Susan Gordon Webb, of Williamsburg, and the Misses Carr.

Miss Sallie Clarke Cullen, who has been spending the winter very pleasantly with her cousins, the Misses Pettis, in Richmond, has returned to her home in Farmville.

Miss Dollah Clifton, of Hanover county, has an orange tree which has sixty-one ripe oranges on it. She also has a lemon tree with eleven ripe lemons. Some of the fruit is very fine.

Miss Mary Johnston, of No. 53 West Franklin Street, was a hostess at cards Friday afternoon.

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POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

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COURAGE.

By CELIA THAXTER.

Celia Thaxter, one of our American poets, was born at Portsmouth, N. H., in 1856. She is the author of "Among the Isles of Shoals," "Driftwood," and "Poems for Children." She died at the Isle of Shoals in 1894.



BECAUSE I hold it sinful to despond,

And will not let the bitterness of life

Blind me with burning tears, but look beyond

Its tumult and its strife;

Because I lift my head above the mist,

Where the sun shines, and the broad breezes blow,

By every ray and every raindrop kissed

That God's love doth bestow;

Think you I find no bitterness at all?

No burden to be borne, like Christian's pack?

Think you there are no ready tears to fall,

Because I keep them back?

Why should I hug life's ills with cold reserve,

To curse myself and all who love me? Nay!

A thousand times more good than I deserve

God gives me every day.

And in each one of these rebellious tears
Kept bravely back, He makes a rainbow shine;
Grateful I take his slightest gift,—no fears,
Nor any doubts are mine.

Dark skies must clear, and when the clouds are past,
One golden day redeems a weary year;
Patient I listen, sure that sweet, at last,
Will sound His voice of cheer.

Then vex me not with chiding. Let me be;
I must be glad and grateful to the end;
I grieve you not your cold and darkness,—me
The powers of light befriend.



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